

## Message Text

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ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 OC-05

CCO-00 SCCT-01 SY-05 AID-05 IO-10 EB-07 COME-00 OMB-01

DHA-02 AGR-05 /106 W

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R 221330Z SEP 75

FM AMCONSUL ASMARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3585

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON

PHMNAVTELCOM WASHDC

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN

COMIDEASTFOR

NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA

NAVCOMMSTA NEA MAKRI

CNO WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0811

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS ET

SUBJECT: BACKGROUND TO SEPT. 19 SHOOTINGS

REF: A. NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA 191517Z SEP 75 B. ASMARA 807 (DTG  
200827Z SEP 75)

FIRING FRIDAY AFTERNOON (REF A), WHICH BEGAN ABOUT 1700 AND  
SUBSIDED ABOUT 1800, WAS REPORTEDLY SPARKED BY EPMG TROOPS  
RETURNING FROM SETBACK IN ACTION ALONG KEREN ROAD (REF B).  
DISPIRITED AND UNRULY TROOPS FIRED AT RANDOM, KILLING AND  
WOUNDING SEVERAL ASMARA RESIDENTS. SIMULTANEOUSLY, EPMG  
SECURITY FORCES, UNDER COVER OF THIS CONFUSION, ARRESTED  
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SEVERAL SUSPECTED FRONT SYMPATHIZERS INCLUDING SEVEN YOUNG

GIRLS. THIS IS THOUGHT TO BE FURTHER RETALIATION FOR  
RECENT FRONT ASSASSINATION ACTIVITIES. AFTER BRIEF  
DETENTION THE GIRLS WERE ALLEGEDLY RAPED AND SHOT TO DEATH AND  
THEIR BODIES SCATTERED IN VARIOUS POINTS IN CITY. TOTAL  
REPORTEDLY KILLED DURING INCIDENT WAS 18, ALL CIVILIANS.  
SHERRY

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